by vessels registered under the Indian Port Trusts Act. Every steamer is registered under the Port Trusts Act for the matter of that.

Rao Bhadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Steamers are not registered under the Port Trusts Act. No; they are not registered.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*Pattamars* ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I do not know.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sea-going Donnies ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It may be registered under the Indian Port Trusts Act or under the Inland Canal Navigation Act.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And *Pattamars* had been used to be registered under the Inland Canal Navigation Act. It is a matter that has been burning, Sir.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Representation is to be given by the steamer agents to bring about the proposed change. And that is under consideration. There is no use of discussing that here.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is a legal question and what is what and all that.

Opening of new roads.

120 **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount that has been spent in the current year for opening new roads in the State and the places of each of these new roads are located?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—A statement showing the new roads opened in 1103 under P. W. D. and the several Panchayats is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know why in several items given in the appendix the amount is not stated ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Those works are under progress.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—All the other works are finished. Those for which amounts are stated here are finished.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Nearing completion.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Figures show the amounts spent by the Public Works Department in 1103. So that, up to this, no amount has been spent.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—So far as the roads are concerned.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Amounts have been budgetted; but the work may not have been done.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They have been paid interest, and they did not give any final accounts.

Contracts in the Forest Departments.

121. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(1) what all contracts were entered into with Mr. Koolappa Ravuthar by the Forest Department, and

(2) whether he has settled all his accounts and paid the amount?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) There is no contractor in the Department with the name referred to.

(2) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (1).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there not a contractor by the name of Sait Muhammed Ravuthar?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—He is generally called Koolappa Ravuthar. Then why do the Government say that there is no contractor with such a name?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Such a name is not found in the records.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—You admit that there is a contractor by the name of Koolappa Ravuthar.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—That name is not officially recognised in any of the contracts.

Overhauling of the Tramway.

122. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was spent for overhauling the Tramway and for purchase of new plant and machinery for the same during the years 1101, 1102 and 1103?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Vide statement, appended (*Appendix II*).

Renewal of Sleepers in the Tramway.

123. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Can the Government kindly give information (a) as to the average percentage of renewal of sleepers per year in the Shoranur-Cochin Railway and what is the average percentage of such renewal over the Tramway;

(b) whether the renewal of the sleepers over the Tramway is done by contractors or departmentally?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—

(a) (1) Government have no information.

(2) 152 sleepers per annum per mile.

(b) Renewal works are attended to departmentally by the Permanent Way Gangs without extra cost.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Did the Government make enquiries as to the percentage in the Cochin-Shoranur Railway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I do not think.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So no enquiry was made.

Sawing Department of the Tramway.

124. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly state what was the out-turn from the sawing department of the Tramway workshop, per day on an average in 1102?

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